

## Our Dead.

**OAKES.**—Died in the Bear Creek congregation, Montgomery Co., Ohio, June 13, 1895, Ella M. Oakes, aged 26 years, 4 months, and 29 days. Sister Oakes united with the Bear Creek Brethren church at the age of fourteen, and until the time of her death lived an earnest, devoted Christian life. Her sufferings were borne with cheerful Christian resignation, and the great hope within her extinguished the fear of death. Her helpful life and peaceful death will be an inspiration to the many friends who knew her worth and mourn her loss.

J. M. TOMBAUGH.

**HORNER.**—In the Falls City church, Richardson Co., Neb., May 24, sister Catharine Horner, aged 82 years, 4 months and 10 days. Her maiden name was Catharine Forney, was born in Somerset Co., Pa., in 1813. She was married to Michael Horner March 2, 1834. This union was blessed with six children, five boys and one girl. Two of the sons and the husband have preceded her to the spirit world. Her husband being removed by death when the children were small. She remained on the farm near Berlin, Pa., until the children were grown and then came with her daughter, sister Francis Shaffer to Neb., in 1870, and remained with this family until death. She was a member of the Brethren church for over sixty years. She was a woman of unswerving faith and fidelity to the Master. Her place was never vacant at church when it was possible for her to be present. We were always glad to see her in our services and no one is more missed than grandma Horner. Her end was one of peace. The last words spoken were, "Now I am going home." May we all imitate the Godlike life and Christian character of grandma Horner. On Sunday evening at 4 o'clock we preached the sermon to a crowded house, from the text, "Blessed are the dead, etc." And as the sun was sinking in the west we laid her remains away in the cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

JNO. N. BURNWORTH.

**RENCH.**—In the Maple Grove congregation, Delaware Co., Ind. Bertha Ellen Rensch was born April 3, 1873, after a protracted illness of fifteen weeks, died in the triumph of the Savior's love, June 14, 1895, aged 22 years 2 months and 11 days.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

THEY make no mistake whose "second blessing" is a blessing to others.

**PASSMORE.**—On the first day of June sister Lulu Passmore, daughter of brother W. C. and Ellen Winn of Lumburg, Va. Sister Lulu was a most devoted daughter, a gentle, sweet tempered, faithful Christian, and affectionate wife. She had just entered on the trial trip of life, hardly out of sight of the port of embarkment, in the sunniest hours of the voyage, sails full set and filled with the balmy breezes of young womanhood, surrounded with the happiest fellow-voyagers, when the awful cry "passenger overboard" sounded the dreadful knell of death to all that we love in life. She rests in the peaceful grave and waits the coming of the Lord, she loved and obeyed. Her sad and early death calls loudly to her grief stricken parents and sisters and to her heart-broken young husband to prepare to meet her in the "better land."

### IN MEMORY OF BERTHA RENCH.

WHEREAS, the anger of death has entered our Sunday school and taken from our midst one of our loved and faithful members, and

WHEREAS, we, the officers, teachers and scholars, of the Brethren S. S., will sadly miss her, but, believing that she is enjoying that peaceful and happy rest prepared for those who love the Lord and knowing that she never again will occupy her accustomed place in her class therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we try to fill the vacancy by being possessed of a similar willingness for every good deed and thought, and that, as a Sunday-school, we especially extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents, brothers, sisters, and friends, ever referring them to our blessed Redeemer who doeth all things well.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be sent to the *Gas Light* and *EVANGELIST* for publication, also that a copy be given the family.

OTA YOUNCE,  
EMMA HARTLE,  
JOHN DAVIS, } Committee.

### LITERARY NOTES.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW for July contains a varied and exceedingly interesting collection of articles from some of the ablest writers on theological, ecclesiastical, and social subjects in the land. D. S. Gregory, D. D., in his series on The Preacher and the Preaching for the Present Crisis, treats as his theme "The Preacher's Message." H. Ziegler, D. D., has an unusually suggestive paper on "The Linguistic Proof of the Existence of God." R. M. Patterson, D. D., late editor of the *Presbyterian Journal*, writes on "The Divine Civil Law." Prof. Jesse

B. Thomas, D. D., emphasizes "Some Fallacies Concerning 'The Inductive Method.'" Dr. William Hayes Ward throws the light of recent discovery upon the story of "The Siege of Lachish." The Sermonic Section of the REVIEW contains sermons, in whole or in part, from many well-known preachers, such as Prof. James Orr, D. D., of Edinburgh, the late R. W. Dale, D. D., of Manchester, Eng., D. J. Burrell, D. D., Newman Smyth, D. D., and Canon Newbolt. A striking paper is that in the Miscellaneous Section by B. B. Tyler, D. D., of New York, on "The Religious Character of Abraham Lincoln." Special mention ought to be made of the Sociological Section which, as conducted by Dr. J. H. W. Stuckenberg, is most helpful in its treatment of questions that are now agitating the masses.

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THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for July contains a very interesting collection of articles, and offers a rich feast for its readers. Among the articles worthy of special mention are, "The Seats of the Mighty," by Gilbert Parker; "The Ship of State and the Stroke of Fate," by William Everett; "A Philosopher with an Eye of Beauty," by Robert Beverly Hale; "A Singular Life," By Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. Published by HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co., Boston, Mass.

THE ARGUMENT FOR CHRISTIANITY, by George C. Lorimer, may truly be designated as a "great book." It is a work on *Christian Evidences*, containing about 500 pages, in which the author presents the argument for Christianity in so forcibly a way that no one can resist it. The argument is based on what Christianity has accomplished in human life and in human history, which to our mind is the one argument that no opposition can successfully meet. The book is characterized by breadth of reading, and by a vivacity and flowing style which will make the book as readable and enjoyable as it will be profitable. The contents of the book are:—

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- IX. The Argument from Concession.
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